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DISPATCH NO. QSSA-5301

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TO Chief, WE

DATE 9 November 1956

FROM Chief of Station, C W

INFO: Chief, SR

SUBJECT { GENERAL Operational/AECOB/TILBURY  
SPECIFIC C W  
TILBURY/1 Recruitment and Dispatch

REF: STOC-336

ACTION REQUESTED: Turn over the attached notes to C W

1. In accordance with Reference, C W departed Stockholm for Frankfurt on 7 November. Attached to this dispatch are C W notes from which C W intends to write his report covering the C/E phase, debriefing, recruitment and briefing of TILBURY/1 between 17 October and 5 November 1956. It is requested that the attached notes be held for C W pending his return.
2. The Station would like to commend C W for the manner in which he has cooperated in the handling of this case. We are all aware that TILBURY/1 can hardly be considered completely without RIS taint, principally by virtue of his associations inside and the peculiar success of his 1955 infiltration and 1956 exfiltration; on the other side of the ledger, however, we must consider C W favorable assessment of TILBURY/1, TILBURY/1's obvious inclination to speak openly and with no apparent reluctance or reservation on any subject on which he is knowledgeable, and TILBURY's assessment as offsetting to a considerable degree the evidence which condemns Subject as an RIS agent. We feel that C W did all he could to either expose TILBURY/1 and get an admittance of his RIS complicity or to establish his bona fides. Unfortunately, no clear-cut case can be made at either extreme.
3. If we accept that the best possible situation with which KUBARK comes away from the TILBURY/1 encounter is one whereby we have recruited a double agent under our control for a singleton positive intelligence mission, we would like to call to Headquarters attention what we consider to be at least one very significant reason for TILBURY/1 to remain under our control to the extent that he accomplishes his mission within physical and security limitations - i.e. TILBURY/1's mother. As C W will indicate in his overall report, an agreement was reached

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to provide TILBURY/1's mother with continuing nominal financial support in Sweden in return for his services inside. Even if we had had our choice, it would have been difficult for us to provide a more effective means of giving us some assurance that TILBURY/1 will accomplish his mission in our behalf despite his RIS involvement.

4. [ ] has agreed to furnish [ ] with his complete operational report of this case; [ ] has also indicated to [ ] that, if the TILBURY contact is to continue to yield results and remain within security requirements, and if the other AEMARSH or AECOB operations of this Station are to continue to bear fruit, it is essential that Stockholm be completely aware of all information which Headquarters collects from sources outside of Sweden which bears in any way on the conduct of Baltic operations with which this Station is directly or indirectly concerned. It is considered manifestly insecure for Headquarters not to observe this principle.
5. We would like to convey our thanks to Headquarters for the prompt handling our requests received in this case and repeat our awareness of [ ] personal efforts throughout.

7 November 1956

Encl:

[ ] notes

Distribution:

3-Headquarters w/encl.

2-Chief, SR w/o encl.

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[ ] has followed this case  
very closely with both [ ]  
and [ ] and completely concurs  
O&P

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